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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Larry McKeon, head
4 football coach at Naperville North High School, on his
5 retirement and success as a football coach, teacher, and mentor
6 throughout the years; and

7 WHEREAS, Larry McKeon was a standout player at Joliet
8 Catholic High School and the University of Illinois; he began
9 his coaching career at Joliet Catholic as an assistant under
10 legendary coach Gordie Gillespie; and

11 WHEREAS, Larry McKeon then moved on from Joliet Catholic to
12 a brief yet successful head coaching stint at Plainfield High
13 School, winning 30 games in 5 seasons, leaving the program to
14 become head coach at Naperville North High School; and

15 WHEREAS, Larry McKeon has been head coach at Naperville
16 North High School for 27 years, and in addition to securing
17 double-digit victories in 12 seasons under Coach McKeon, the
18 Huskies won six DuPage Valley Conference crowns and two State
19 titles in 1992 and 2007 during his tenure; and

20 WHEREAS, Naperville North has reached three State title
21 games with Coach McKeon, winning the 1992 Class 6A championship

1 with a 21-11 win over Loyola; two years later the Huskies lost
2 to Homewood-Flossmoor in the 6A final, and in 2007 they beat
3 Glenbard North with a 46-19 victory to claim the Class 8A
4 championship; and

5 WHEREAS, In 27 seasons at the helm, Coach McKeon has guided
6 the Huskies to a 231-71 record and playoff berths in 22 of the
7 last 23 seasons; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach McKeon has coached amazing talent,
9 including NFL players Chris Brown, Justin McCareins, and Glenn
10 Earl, and, in addition to the NFL talent, Coach McKeon had the
11 privilege to coach his son, Corey, who went on to play
12 linebacker at Nebraska; and

13 WHEREAS, Being more than just a coach, Larry McKeon has
14 shaped the lives of the young players and students as a
15 teacher, mentor, and role model both on and off the field;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Larry McKeon, head football coach at Naperville
20 North High School, on his retirement and success as a coach,
21 teacher, and mentor; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Larry McKeon and to the Director of Athletics at
3 Naperville North High School as a symbol of our respect and
4 esteem.